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# Savannah River Site Public Tours

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## Purpose of SRS Tours

- Give interested public a look “inside the fence” at the important work of SRS as part of the Cold War effort
  - Important historical significance
- Enhance the appreciation of SRS as a national asset
  - Current and future missions
  - Assist in building a sustainable future
  - Good stewards of taxpayers dollars
- Showcase the nation’s newest national laboratory and world-renowned ecology laboratory









# 2010 SRS Public Tours – 23 Scheduled

**Web Address: <http://www5.hanford.gov/srstours>**



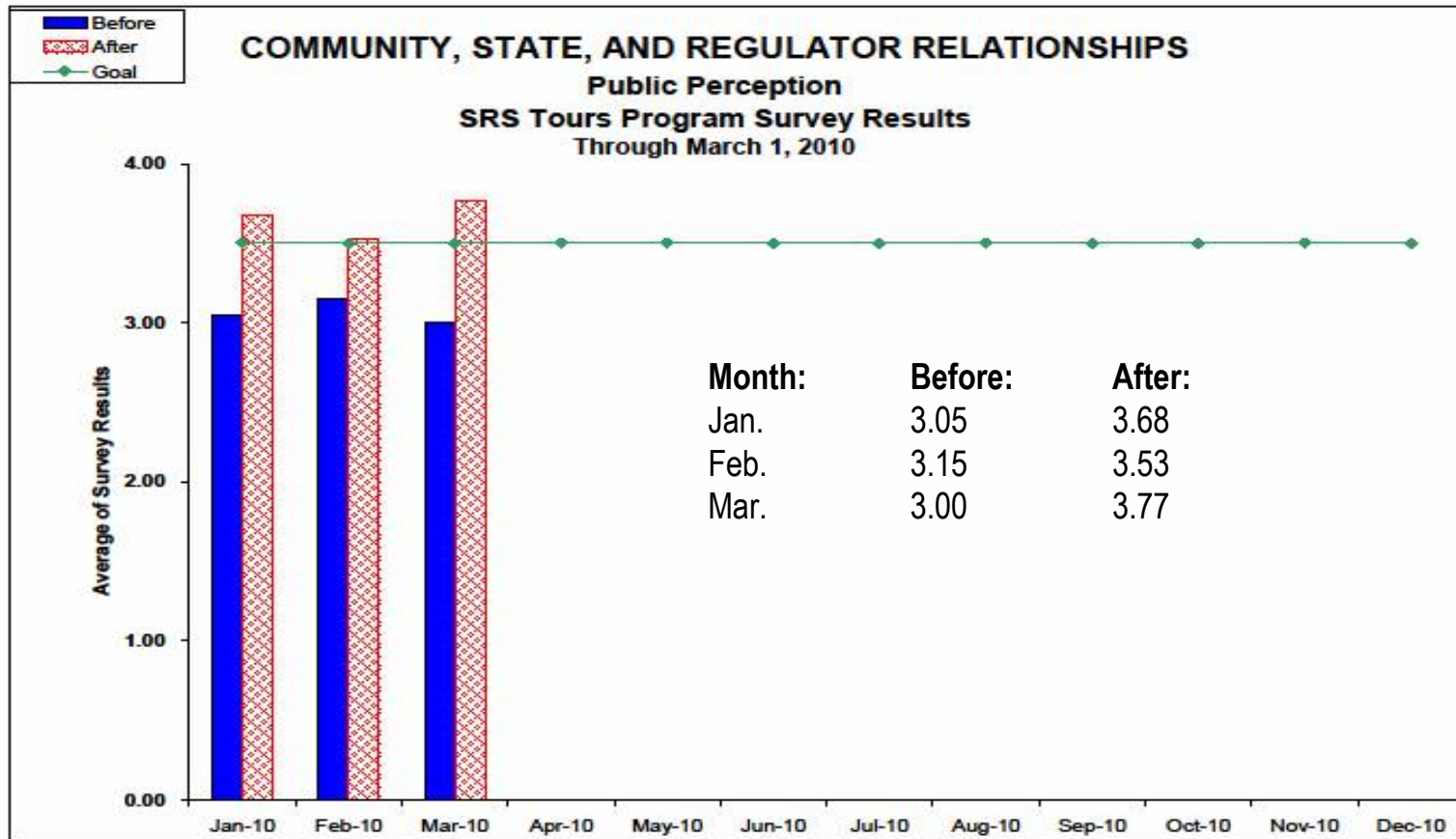
**23 Tours / 1150 seats registered in 48 hours**



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# Public Perception



SRS Tours are offered to the public to inform them of site activities/capabilities. The SRS public perception survey reflects the feelings of tour participants toward the Site. It is important that those who tour leave the Site with a perception that is equal to or better than when they arrived. (Scale: 1 – 4 / Goal: 3.50)



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# Survey Comments

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## **Tour #1:**

- Was very glad to learn about SRS history of the operation and what they are doing presently.

## **Tour #2**

- Wish my husband would have lived long enough to take this tour today. He worked at the plant 41 years. He could have reminisced and could have seen all the changes. It was my first visit and it was very important for me to see this area. I'd never had the opportunity before. Thank you.
- I love our state and nation. SRS is a national treasure. My request is to keep it secure for future generations. Thanks for the tour.
- Discovering the mystery of SRS made the value of SRS increase and allowed local taxpayers (to) take some ownership. Keep up the tours. Thank you.
- Great idea. I have lived in Aiken 38 years and this is my first time to tour. Thanks for this informative and educational experience.





# More Survey Comments

## Tour #3

- Liked overall view of plant operations and explanation and view of new operations – especially MOX. Most impressive. I was pleased to be able to be on the tour.
- Was interesting, didn't know what was going on here.
- It seems SRS is doing a very good job and take their responsibilities seriously.

## Tour #4

- Liked learning about SRS, seeing buildings & learning about what happens inside – past, present & future, visit to Ellenton, videos were helpful. The tour was excellent and finally seeing the site where my husband worked for 17 years. Laurie Posey was excellent; very knowledgeable and an articulate speaker.
- “Very Enlightening” Enjoyed seeing the reactor & cooling tower and old Ellenton.
- For the first time since I was a child, I was able to go near the place I was born/lived for approximately 9 or 10 years.





# Public Tour Requirements

**Registration:** Visitors will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis through the [online web registration system](#).

**Age:** At least 18 years of age to participate.

**Identification:** All visitors to the Savannah River Site must provide two forms of identification to receive a Visitor's Badge granting access to the site. One must be valid photo identification; the other can be one of the documents listed in the [Acceptable ID's list](#). (Credit cards are not accepted.) Failure to provide the specific forms of identification listed above will result in denied access to SRS. Each participant will be asked to provide their Social Security Number.

**Citizenship:** Must be a United States citizen.

**Attire:** Appropriate clothing for an industrial environment is required. A light jacket is recommended and closed-toed shoes are mandatory. Anyone dressed inappropriately will not be allowed on the tour.

**Prohibited Articles:** The following items will not be allowed at SRS: Cell phones, blackberries, cameras or electronic recording devices, undeveloped film, radios, knives with blades more than 3 inches long, real or simulated firearms and ammunition, stun guns, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs & paraphernalia, explosives, hand-held weapons, chemical irritants, and items prohibited by state and federal law. Contraband brought to SRS will be confiscated.

**Clearance / Badges:** Visitor badges required. Tour Coordinator will arrange for appropriate badging of visitors. Authorized SRS badge holders must bring badge the day of the scheduled tour.







# The Aiken Standard

January 6, 2010

## SRS opens up to more tours

Every day thousands of Aiken County residents go inside the gates of Savannah River Site and do a day's work. The work they do is important, innovative and intriguing, yet most people living in the county are not fully aware of what occurs at the Site.

For the second year, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is offering tours to the public to learn about what goes on at SRS. The management and operations contractor at the Site, SRNS had a number of tours last year on a trial basis. The tours were so popular that they were completely booked shortly after the announcements were made.

This year SRNS has come up with a schedule for 23 tours which will hopefully be enough to fill much of the demand. The tours provide historic information about the origins of SRS and some of the many functions plant personnel performed during the Cold War and beyond.

Visitors are taken on bus rides to the various areas of the Site and get a chance to see some of the historical facilities which served SRS in its first 40 years as well as some of the facilities which are serving new missions. Part of the tour also consists of driving through some of the small towns whose people were displaced during construction of the Site.

Because of national security issues over the past several years, tours of SRS have been rare. Opening up additional opportunities for residents should allow those who tour to have a better understanding of the complexity of what happens at SRS.

SRS is a real asset for this area and has played an important role in the nation's defense. Get to know more about this local treasure.



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# 2010 Aiken County Fact Book

- Listed as one of the 100 things to do in Aiken County's 2010 Fact Book

33. Find out where Ellenton and Dunbarton were on an SRS public tour.

## 100 things to do in Aiken County

We have compiled 100 items for an Aiken Must-Do List. Things on this list capture the sights and sounds and experiences of some of the many things that make this County wonderful. It could take a full calendar year for you to complete this list, as many are once-a-year events. Some are simple. Some are not. Some you may have done. Some you may have come close to doing but not gone all the way. Some may take a little digging and research to find out more. But the journey to crossing an item off a bucket list is part of the adventure. (If we told you all about the transit of Venus, what fun would that be?) So head out. Get involved. Cross off these 100 uniquely Aiken things:

1. Eat breakfast at the Track Kitchen.
2. Climb the rock wall at the H. Odell Weeks Activities Center.
3. Be a re-enactor at the Battle of Aiken.
4. Audition for a play at the Aiken Community Playhouse.
5. Visit the circus room at the Aiken County Historical Museum.
6. Visit the 1700s at Colonial Times.
7. Leave a toy at the grave of the Little Boy in Graniteville.
8. Enter the Strawberry Festival pie-eating contest.
9. Make a peach pie using Edgefield peaches bought from a roadside stand.
10. Walk the labyrinth at Hopelands.
11. Attend the Blessing of the Hounds on Thanksgiving morning.
12. Take in a Sunday polo match at Whitney Field and stomp the divots between chukkers.
13. Do the downtown tree tour, starting at the library.
14. Read Pat Conroy's "Horses Don't Eat Moonpies."
15. Take a pottery class at the Ceramics Center.
16. Do a lap around the Carolina Bay (bonus points if you take a bag to pick up litter).
17. Attend a Hopelands Summer Concert.
18. Go on Kent Cabbage's downtown ghost tour.
19. Attend the Aiken-South Aiken

- football game.
20. Take a sunrise lap at the Odell Weeks walking track.
21. Donate school supplies to Helping Hands and Children's Place.
22. Visit the final resting place of champion thoroughbred Blue Peter at the Aiken Training Track.
23. Ride a float in the Memorial Day parade.
24. Pick strawberries at Gurozik's Berry Plantation.
25. Tour Mayor Odell Weeks' office replica at the Aiken County Historical Museum.
26. Eat dinner at The Variety Restaurant.
27. Volunteer a morning at the Aiken County Animal Shelter and the afternoon at the Aiken SPCA.
28. Be in line for the AAUW book sale.
29. Watch the Sunday soccer games at Citizens Park.
30. Take a canoe down the south fork of the Edisto River at Aiken State Natural Area.
31. Volunteer to work a rowing regatta at Langley Pond.
32. Go Beyond the Gravestone at Redcliffe.
33. Find out where Ellenton and Dunbarton were on an SRS public tour.
34. Hit the buffet at Carolina Barbecue on a Friday afternoon.
35. Eat breakfast at Al's Family Restaurant in North Augusta.
36. Make a meal with things you bought only at the Farmers Market.
37. See the Pacers play Augusta State in hoops at the USC Aiken Convocation Center.
38. Learn about the 39 inductees in the Thoroughbred Hall of Fame.
39. Take a class at USCA's Academy of Lifelong Learning.
40. Eat a chitlin' at the Chitlin' Strut.
41. Sponsor a lobster at the Lobster Races and cheer on your lobster.
42. Learn the names of the downtown Horseplay horses.
43. Watch a race on a Friday night at the Jackson Drag Strip.
44. Sign up to help at Christmas at Hopelands.
45. Drive a car in Hitchcock Woods the only time of the year that you can, during the Aiken Horse Show.

46. Be downtown at noon. Stop and enjoy the church chiming of the hour.
47. Take a class at the Aiken Center for the Arts.
48. Have a morning coffee and muffin at New Moon Cafe.
49. Find out about the painting at the federal courthouse that caused all that controversy years ago.
50. Have your picture taken with the South Boundary trees, the Whiskey and Easy sign and the Morgan Circle fountain in the background. (Do this safely and off of the road, of course.)
51. Read Idella Bodie's "The Secret of Talsair Inn."
52. Ask a question at a Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL) library talk.
53. Eat a slaw dog at City Billiards.
54. Watch the horses train early in the morning at the Aiken Training Track.
55. Learn about the universe during a fall Saturday night at the Boyd Observatory.
56. Play at least one carnival game at the Western Carolina State Fair.
57. Memorize the traits on the character banners.
58. Read at Story Time at Hopelands.
59. Cross Whiskey Road at the equestrian signal (after having pressed the tall button).
60. Serve (and eat) at One Table on Thanksgiving.
61. Join in a Splashdown at the end of Touch a Truck.
62. Make a treat for your feathered friends at Christmas for the Birds at Living History Park.
63. Feed the turtles at Hopelands - and don't leave until you see the giant softshell.
64. Find the downtown bomb shelter.
65. Enjoy dinner and glass of wine outside at The West Side Bowery patio in The Alley.
66. Go antiquing downtown.
67. Enter a dog at Westmuttster.
68. Stop and smell the roses at Rye Patch.
69. Order a Brown Bag special from Sweet Cow Creamery.
70. Learn to identify owl calls at a seminar at Birds & Butterflies.
71. Hand out candy for Halloween on Newberry Street.

72. Drive all the way around the Highway 118 bypass.
73. Walk the Greenway in North Augusta.
74. Have a gyro and some kettle corn at Aiken's Makin'.
75. Attend the Christmas tree lighting downtown.
76. Enjoy strawberry and cream before the St. Thaddeus Home Tour.
77. Get festively stellar at the 'Tis the Season show at the DuPont Planetarium.
78. Make a kite and fly it at the Aiken Kite Festival.
79. See the rowers' paintings under the bridges on the Savannah River.
80. Ride the Best Friend Express.
81. Get flavored honey from the Herb Faire.
82. Have a picnic lunch at Hopelands Gardens.
83. Watch the stick horse races before the Fall Steeplechase.
84. Take in a Midday Music and Lunch at First Presbyterian Church.
85. Take a peek under the hood at an Aiken Horsepower Cruise-In.
86. Tour Osteen's Cabin.
87. See the high-flying players (and high-profile coaches) at the Nike Peach Jam in North Augusta.
88. Try all of the flavors of wings at Wing Place.
89. Read Cot Campbell's "Memoirs of a Longshot ... A Riproarious Life."
90. Read over the names of Aiken's fallen heroes at Aiken County Veterans Memorial Park.
91. Learn to go letterboxing, and find three hidden boxes in Aiken.
92. Get to know the little old ladies of Tea Garden.
93. Play a round of disc golf at Odell Weeks or Riverview Park.
94. Go to Coker Spring.
95. Prepare for the 2012 Transit of Venus, using the museum's special device.
96. Touch an alligator, snake and duck at SREL's Touch an Animal Day.
97. Bob for apples at the Apple Fest.
98. See a rodeo at the Hippodrome.
99. Take the Saturday morning Trolley Tour.
100. Make a wish in the Newberry Street fountain.



# Tour Statistics

## Calendar Year 2009:

SRS Public Tours:	14
Visitors on Public Tours:	584
SRS Tours Conducted:	187
Visitors That Toured SRS:	3227





## Summary

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- **Pleased to offer Public Tours again**
- **Benefits the Community and the Site**
- **Opportunity to give factual information about the important work SRS is performing for the nation**
- **Good neighbor**

